Acquisition of fighter planes

2784. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to acquire a large number of latest version of fighter planes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the targeted date for deploying them in the force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHR! PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and to make other arrangements for adequate defence preparedness. The purchase of aircraft required for the Air Force is made in accordance with the established Defence Procurement Procedure.

Book on the Kargil conflict

2785. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the facts mentioned in the recent book on Kargil conflict by the then Chief of Army Staff;

(b) whether the book indicates an intelligence failure in anticipating the events that eventually led to Kargil conflict;

(c) whether Government agree with the facts and assertions in the book;

(d) whether Government have taken a view of the denial by intelligence agencies of any such failure as indicated in the book; and

(e) whether the book has created a controversy between the Army and the intelligence over a sensitive issue of national security?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) the Book. "KARGIL, from Surprise to Victory" refers to the findings of Kargil Review Committee and other analysts with regard to lack of adequate intelligence input and analysis.

Based on the report of the Kargil Review Committee and Group of Ministers recommendations, review of the intelligence agencies has been carried out. Reorganization of Military Intelligence and the creation of the post of Director General, Defence Intelligence Agency as part of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff have been effected. These refroms and also the closer interaction between intelligence agencies under the umbrella of National Security Council Secretariat have helped to coordinate intelligence between these agencies. The review of intelligence is a continuous and ongoing process keeping in view the threat perception.

Protection of strategic needs and national security

2786. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Security Advisor (NSA) has expressed security concern in a note titled "India's concern regarding foreign acquisitions and suggested counter measures";

(b) if so, the outline of the concern; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to guard our strategic needs and national security from the adverse consequences of technology capture and dependence on foreign-based decision making?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Security concerns about foreign investment in India have been raised in various quarters from time to time. These issues are constantly examined by the Government.

Health related relief in the aftermath of natural calamities

2787. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Disaster Management Authority has any plan to meet health related relief in the aftermath of natural and health related disasters;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no plan or facilities with State Governments to put in place a proportionate health oriented response to disasters;